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ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (5)

DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 1976, THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO WAS THE OWNER OF A SUBURBAN FARM LOCATED IN MORENO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED TO A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE, INDICATING THAT SUSPICOUS ACTIVITIES WERE TAKING PLACE AT THIS FARM; SPECIFICALLY, THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN ASSEMBLING AT THAT LOCATION. THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY DISPATCHED THREE FPA OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORT

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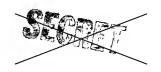
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IN MORENO. FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICERS CONTACTED THE LCCAL PRECINCT OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) IN WHOSE JURISDICTION THE FARM IN MORENO FELL, TO ANNOUNCE THEIR IDENTITY AND REQUEST BAPP ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATION. THE BAPP PROVIDED EIGHT OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS TO THE FARM IN QUESTION.

THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS, BAPP OFFICERS APPROACHED THE FARM DIRECTLY AND WERE GREETED BY Λ HAIL OF BULLETS FROM Λ LARGE NUMBER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHICH RESULTED IN A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT $\mathcal{L}(U)$

FOURTEENS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES -PARTIDO SCCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES (WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY-WORKERS SCCIALIST PARTY) (PRT-PST) and the People's Revolutionary army (erp), an argentine terrorist ORGANIZATION, WERE KILLED DURING THE SHOOTOUT. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE FARM WAS BEING USED FOR A HIGH LEVEL POLICY MEETING OF THE PRT/PST AND THE ERP WHICH WAS



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THESE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO

SANTUCHO AND DOMINGO MENA. BOTH SANTUCHO AND MENA MANAGED TO

ESCAPE DURING THE SHCOTCUT. A LARGE VOLUME OF VALUABLE

DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING TAPES, WERE SEIZED AT THE FARM AND ARE

CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND ANALYZED.

THE ARGENTINE ARMY, WHICH HAS THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING AND REPRESSING THE ERP, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE FPA AND BAPPE OPEN APPROACH TO THE FARM WHICH PRECIPITATED THE SHOOUTOUT AND ALLOWED SANTUCHO, MENA AND OTHER RANKING PRT/PST AND ERP OFFICIALS TO ESCAPE.

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